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1. BEGIN SUMMARY. IN ADDITION TO THE NATIONAL GENERAL STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22 THE FEDERATION CGIL-CISL-UIL (CCU) HAS ORGANIZED A NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL GENERAL STRIKES AT REGIONAL LEVELS AND STRIKES BY GOVERNMENT WORKERS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL DURING APRIL. END SUMMARY.

2. A NATIONAL 24-HOUR STRIKE OF ALL GOVERNMENT, PARASTATAL, POST AND TELEGRAPH,RAILROAD, SCHOOL, HOSPITAL AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 17. IN ADDITION, GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FOUR-HOUR COUNTRYWIDE GENERAL STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 22.ANOTHER 24-HOUR NATIONAL STRIKE OF ALL PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28. RAILWAY WORKERS WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE APRIL 28 STRIKE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE TRANSPORT OF WORKERS TO ROME FOR A LARGE DEMONSTRATION. INSTEAD, THE RAILWAY WORKERS ARE TO ENGAGE IN A SERIES OF ARTICULATED STRIKES

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BETWEEN APRIL 24 AND APRIL 30.

3. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE STRIKING FOR REVISION OF COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM IN ORDER OBTAIN ADVANTAGES ALREADY GAINED BY INDUSTRIAL WORKERS. THE GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE BUT THERE IS DISAGREEMENT OVER THE SPEED OF IMPLEMENTATION.

4. AT REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL LEVELS WORKERS ARE BEING CALLED OUT ON STRIKE IN ORDER TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE GOI FOR NEW ECONOMIC POLICIES TO SAFEGUARD EMPLOYMENT. REGIONAL LEVEL STRIKES ARE TO CULMINATE WITH THE GENERAL ACTION ON APRIL 22. CCU BEGAN WEEK OF STRIKES MILAN AREA APRIL 7. TWENTY-FOUR HOUR GENERAL STRIKE IN INDUSTRIAL ZONE OF SARDINIA CALLED FOR APRIL 8. WORKERS IN TARANTO TO BE OUT APRIL 15. WORKERS IN TURIN, WHERE CCU ENGAGED IN DIFFICULT NEGOTIATIONS WITH FIAT, WILL BE OUT ON FOUR-HOUR STRIKE APRIL 9.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF INTERNAL DIFFICULTIES WITHIN ITALIAN LABOR MOVEMENT OVER LABOR UNITY QUESTION AS REPORTED IN REFLTEL, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT CCU IS ADOPTING A MORE MILITANT POSTURE REQUIRING UNITY OF ACTION. IN LIGHT GROWING RESISTANCE TO STRIKE ACTION AT THE UNIONRANK AND FILE LEVEL OF ALL THREE CONFEDERATIONS, IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE 24-HOUR STRIKE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28 COMES AT THE END OF LONG ITALIAN POLICY WEEKEND BEGINNING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 25.
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